[Mr. M. N. Pillai.]

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government have no information.

(*b*) No general answer can be given; but if specific instances are given, they will be examined on their merits.

Communities enjoying Half-fee Concession.

123. MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencottah*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of the communities that are now enjoying half-fee concession?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to extend the half-fee concession to the Muppanar community?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The member is referred to G. O. Dis. No. 609 of 23/Leg. E., dated the 16th June, 1923, published at pages 1081-1082 of part IV of the *Gazette* dated the 19th June, 1923.

(*b*) The entire question of fee concession is under reconsideration.

Perumalkulam Tank, Shencottah.

124. MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencottah*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken with regard to the acquisition of the Perumalkulam tank in Shencottah which is considered to be a danger to the sanitation of the town?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to take steps to close the tank before the end of this year?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The tank is *poramboke* and the question of transferring it to the Municipal Council is under the consideration of the Government.

(*b*) Considering the nature of the work involved and the large capital required for the purpose, Government do not think that the Municipal Council will be in a position to carry out the work before the end of this year.

Pokkuvaravu Work.

125. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that they have resolved to direct *pokkuvaravu* work being done speedily, even in cases requiring subdivisions, without making any actual survey and demarcation on the ground?

(*b*) If it is so, will it not tend to create confusion in the matter of survey records and cause great uncertainty and consequent hardship to the ryots?

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